

Fw: Energy Issue on Wind River

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Colleen. as Energy Coordinator for the Tribal Assistance Program, I frequently become involved with oil/gas related issues in R8 Indian country.

Recently I became aware of an issue which warrants further discussion and management involvement. Several NPDES permits are up for renewal on the Wind River reservation. Some of the subject permits deal with the disposal of formation water that contains hydraulic fracturing and maintenance fluids, which possibly contain chemical constituents that could have irrevocable human health and environmental impacts. From what I understand, these permit locations are in a source water protection area for the City of Riverton.

We need to schedule a meeting to further discuss potential implications of our disposal and permitting options. Greg Phillips, Tribal Program Manager will be going on a detail for 4 months (last day April 29th) and if possible, it would be great to obtain his input prior to his departure.

Colleen, could you please initiate a meeting between the some of the key players on this issue. Some of this folks I know who are working on this issue include:

NPDES Permit Writers: (all?)
NPDES Enforcement: Darcy O'Conner (staff?)
UIC Permit Writer: Patricia Pfeiffer
UIC Enforcement: Nathan Wiser
GW Expert: Gregory Oberley
Legal: Peggy Livingston & Kimi Matsumoto

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